

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
(Joint Inventors; Priority Claimed)**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare: that our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated near our names below; that we believe we are the original, sole inventors of the subject matter of which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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which is described and claimed in the specification of which was filed on 10/030,024, attorney docket number 60,130-1308 and that this application was filed on June 30, 2000 as International Application (PCT) No. PCT/GB00/02540 which claims priority to British Application No.: GB 9915432.0 filed July 1, 1999.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns except as follows:

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R., Section 1.58 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date application:

APPLICATION  
NUMBER

DATE OF FILING

STATUS

PCT/GB00/02540

June 30, 2000

Pending

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate filed on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

Such applications have been filed as follows:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (month, day, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
United Kingdom	GB 9915432.0	July 1, 1999	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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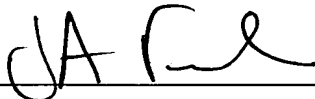
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☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

1-25-2002; 2-25-2002

Execution Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Meritor Light Vehicle Systems (UK) Limited

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: Fordhouse Lane

Stirchley, Birmingham, United Kingdom

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: B30 3BW

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

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A. Patent Application No.(s)  
10/030,024

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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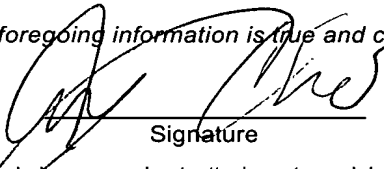
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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

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**ASSIGNMENT**  
**(Joint Inventors - Priority Claimed)**

WHEREAS, we, **Michael Evans, James Frost, Nigel Spurr and Mark Hao Li**, (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at **124 Pottery Road, Warley, Birmingham, B68 9HB, United Kingdom; 55 Clifton Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 3XT, United Kingdom; 16 Pathlow Crescent, Shirley, Solihull, B90 2PS, United Kingdom; and Apartment 3, New Hampton Loft, 91 Branston Street, Birmingham, B18 6BF, United Kingdom**, have invented new and useful improvements in:

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AND WHEREAS, **Meritor Light Vehicle Systems (UK) Limited** (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of **Fordhouse Lane, Stirchley, Birmingham, B30 3BW, United Kingdom**, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors has assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents assigns, sells and sets over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file and prosecute foreign patent applications corresponding to said application in foreign patent offices, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignors on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignors had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND the Assignors hereby covenant and agree that the Assignors will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefor, and the Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and affix our seals at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the United Kingdom, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2002.

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**Michael Evans**

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STOURBRIDGE in the United Kingdom, this 25 day of JANUARY,  
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